

I am appalled at Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry smear ad disguised as a documentary. With just days before the election it is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Not ONE interest, the public interest. Are they going to run an anti-Bush documentary? I thought after the "Swift Boat" fiasco that this sort of thing would stop. It is disgusting that politics has evolved into a rich man's sport, nasty sport at that. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.